(c) Augmentation of trains including with general class coaches is an ongoing process depending upon traffic pattern, operational feasibility and availability of resources.

Maintenance and Security of Rail tracks

†405. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the major reasons for the increasing number of train accidents is not providing complete facilities to the railway employees:

(b) whether it is also a fact that generally the scarcity of goods needed for the safety of rail tracks and maintenance thereof continue and the material is not available in time;

(c) if so, the steps taken to remove the bottlenecks due to scarcity of material, for improved training, improved working and sufficient facilities and to ensure that lower level employees are not neglected; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI B ANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

CAG criticism of rail passenger amenities

406. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has criticised the Railways, for not eliminating deficiencies in passenger amenities, even though adequate funds were allocated for this during the last year;

(b) if so, the details of the funds allocated under this head during the last three years, year-wise, and the actual amount spent on this, during this period; and

(c) the reasons for not utilising the allocated funds by the Railways?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.